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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Coke Reed et al.

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For: MEANS AND APPARATUS FOR A
SCALEABLE CONGESTION FREE
SWITCHING SYSTEM WITH INTELLIGENT
CONTROL

Examiner: P. B. Nguyen

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005 (Paper No. 20050725), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-5, 42-43, 49, and 52 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-5, 42-43, 49, and 52; and claims 6-41, 44-46, and 50-51; and claim 47; and claim 48, asserting that the inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions: invention I is directed to an interconnect structure wherein a decision to inject all or part of message MA into the interconnect structure. Invention II is directed to an interconnect structure wherein sending a request from input port P to logic L for asking the input port P to send message MP to output port O. Invention III is directed to an interconnect structure wherein there is a method of determining if the module M is

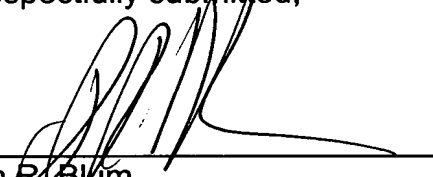
defective. Invention IV is directed to an interconnect structure for routing message M1 to length L1 and message M2 of length L2 through the structure. "The inventions are not a single general inventive concept because "the product as claimed could be used by another materially different process such as attaching the body and attachment after removing the body from the box." See Restriction Requirement, page 2.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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